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SUBJECT: ITALIAN DELEGATION TO NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY
CONFERENCE

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING LIST OF OFFICIAL
ITALIAN DELEGATION TO NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE
IN WILLIAMSBURG, NOV. 14-19:

1. FERDINANDO STORCHI (FORMER DC PARLIAMENTARIAN)

2. ARISTIDE GUNNELLA (REPUBLICAN DEPUTY)

3. FRANCESCO CATTANEI (DC DEPUTY)

4. ALDO AJELLO (SOCIALIST SENATOR)

5. ANTONINO OCHIPINTI (SENATOR ELECTED IN SICILY
ON JOINT PSDI/PLI TICKET)

STORCHI, GUNNELLA AND CATTANEI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIVES.

2. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED INDEPENDENTLY BY ON. PIERO
BASSETTI (DC) THAT HE WILL ATTEND AN "ATLANTIC CONFERENCE"
IN WILLIAMSBURG, NOV. 18-21 AT THE INVITATION OF US SPONSORS,
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HEADED BY SENATOR STEVENSON (ROME 18145). HE SAID OTHER

ITALIAN DELEGATES WOULD BE ON. ADOLFO BATTAGLIAN (REPUBLICAN) AND SENATOR ANGELO ROMANO (LEFT INDEPENDENT ELECTED ON CPI LIST). AS MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION'S STEERING COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE, BASSETTI SAID HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PUTTING TOGETHER ITALIAN DELEGATION. HE ALLOWED THAT A PCI MEMBER HAD BEEN SUGGESTED INITIALLY, BUT THAT ROMANO WAS ULTIMATELY CHOSEN SINCE SPONSORS INDICATED THAT INCLUSION OF A CPI PARLIAMENTARIAN WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS.

3. COMMENT: NOTING THAT THE DATES MENTIONED ABOVE OVERLAP, WE WONDER WHETHER THE BASSETTI GROUP CONSTITUTES AND "UNOFFICIAL" DELEGATION TO NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE (IF SO, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS UNAWARE) OR IF IT INVOLVES A SEPARATE AND POSSIBLY RELATED MEETING. SENATOR ROMANO, A FORMER DIRECTOR OF RAI/TV AND JOURNALIST, FORWARDED A VISA APPLICATION TO CONSULATE BUT HAS BEEN ASKED TO APPEAR FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW IN ORDER TO DETERMINE HIS VISA ELIGIBILITY. WILL ADVISE. VOLPE

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